



11 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 9 Ely Courtroom Experience visit – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Your child has the opportunity to apply to take part in our annual visit to the Ely Magistrate's Court. They will learn about the dangers of knife crime and County Lines, and take part in a scenario role-play around these subjects in the courtroom with students allocated specific roles. The visit is intended to raise awareness of the purposes and functions of the criminal justice system.

We will leave Soham Village College by coach at 9am, with travel arrangements and a coach provided by the event organisers. We will return at around 1.45pm before the start of period 5.

Students will be required to wear normal school uniform for the visit. Lunch (usually pizza) will be provided by the visit organisers. Students should bring their own drink for the day. There is no cost to students for this visit.

The visit is specifically designed for those students interested in areas such as criminology, forensic science, law, or the police. Due to the size of the courtroom, we are restricted to the number of students we can take. If you would like your child to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please complete the online consent form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/f2K4LN8PKz> by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. In your child's own words, they are to provide a short reason as to why they should be considered for the visit. If the visit is over-subscribed, suitable students will be selected at random.

If your child is successful and is given a place on the visit, I will write to you again shortly after the deadline with further details. If you do not hear from me by **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, please assume your child was unfortunately unsuccessful in securing a place.

There will be a pre-visit briefing to which all students attending will be expected to take part in. Further details will be passed onto them via their form tutors.

Yours sincerely

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